

HAMADA -- 09/663,340
Client/Matter: 020847-0271420

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 4, 8, 12, 13, 15-18 and 20 are cancelled. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 are allowable. All non-elected and non-allowed claims have been cancelled.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the entire application is in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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